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Special Sale of Wrappers
AT
79, 98c., \$1.39, \$1.48.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY SALE
OF
Dress Goods and Silks.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY SALE OF
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AT 79, 98c., \$1.48, \$1.98.

OUR GREAT CHRISTMAS SHOWING!

More wonderful than ever, and the offerings of this store for the great crowds that will fill this store for the next few weeks in search of holiday gifts. The two powerful influences combine—Marvelous Assortment—Economical Prices. This store has proved its advantages as a shopping place for holiday gifts. We began months ago to bring together the vast collection. Christmas shopping may be deferred, but remember there is a difference between a full spread and the crowds from which to select. You will find something at the last moment perhaps, but that something will not be choice, it will be leaving. It's a pleasure to shop now—but that jam later on. Wisdom and economy both combine in the affairs of early shopping.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY SALE OF
Umbrellas and Canes
49c. to \$2.98.

SPECIAL SALE
Holiday Handkerchiefs, in Boxes or Without.

Special Holiday Kid Gloves
79 CENTS AND \$1.00.
EACH PAIR IN A GLOVE BOX.

TOYS AND GAMES!

To gladden the hearts of children, both big and little, we announce the show. The doors are thrown wide open. Admission free. Our up-to-date collection of the wonder and marvel of toydom includes all the old time favorites as well as the novelties of the day.

SPECIAL BLANKET SALE
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49,98c., \$1.29, \$1.98, \$2.98, \$4.98

SPECIAL HOLIDAY SALE!
STAMPED LINENS. FINE COMFORTS \$1.29
Dollies 1 Cent Up.

SPECIAL SALE
Black Separate Skirts at \$1.48,
\$1.98, \$2.98, \$3.68

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100 Hand Dressed Dolls at a moderate price. The clothes were all made by a lady during the summer months at a very small cost—about half what you would have to pay for the cloth and making if you should hire the dolls dressed. They come in a great variety of styles, and can be dressed and undressed at your child's pleasure. We also offer three gross or 432. Boy and Girl Dressed Dolls at 19, 25 and 39c.—about half the regular retail price—all new goods.

SPECIAL SALE
Cutting Flannel Underwear for Men, Women and Children.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY SALE
Perce Silk and Black Satin Underskirts.

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ACCEPT THIS AS AN INVITATION.

We will be glad to see every one that calls, whether they buy or not. A thousand things are here to interest and amuse. Our clerks are instructed to tell you all about them that you wish to know without importuning you too strongly to buy. Christmas shoppers, who buy wisely, will again, as heretofore, confine the bulk of their purchases to this store. All societies given a special discount from our low prices.

HART DAVIS, NO. 45 NORTH STREET.

ONE CENT A WORD

Monday Ev'ng, Jan. 2d '99.

for each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 10 cents.

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TO LET—5 rooms, corner Battie Avenue and Rowan street, all improvements, \$125. Enquire of F. T. V. GILDED.

ROOMS TO LET—Six rooms, modern improvements. Enquire St. Myrtle Avenue.

ROOMS TO LET—Enquire of W. A. VAIL, 65 Mill Street. 70dft.

COAL! FORTY carloads sold in thirty days. Low prices will continue.

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WANTED—Case of bad hams in the H. L. P. A. N. S. will not bend. Send 5 cents to Chemical Co., New York, for 10 samples and 1,000 testimonials. 99dft Dec 10.

WILL Exchange city residences for small farm near Mid-Town. Address: EXCHANGE, Box 311, Middletown.

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A. W. BUSH, No. 144 North street.

THE STERLING NIPPLE is the best simple made ribbed nipple, cannot collapse, pure rubber—size 10c; a dose at CHAMBERS' Pharmacy, 27 North street, near postoffice.

FOR SALE—Handsome new cottage on Albert street, nine rooms, hot air, all modern improvements. BULL & YOUNGBLOOD.

MRS. A. J. KELLY, Contractor, Central Building, corner North street and Railroad Ave. Enquiries at the front entrance. Office hours 8. 30 A.M. to 4 P.M.

MAGIC KIDNEY PILLS for kidney and bladder diseases, leprosy, weak back bone, etc. These pills are superior to any medicine. No pain in each package. Only 25c at CHAMBERS' Pharmacy, 27 North street, second floor above postoffice.

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NEVER BEFORE HAS THIS GRAND AND USEFUL METAL BEEN SO APPRECIATED.

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Fableware and Novelties!

so generally and largely diffused as in the United States. The colonies, a country, so generally in lowly life, silver and gold articles, are certainly, in accordance with the taste of things, a complete representation of AMERICAN STERLING SILVER AND ELECTRO SILVER PRODUCTIONS.

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FINE FALL MADE BUTTER AT REASONABLE PRICES.

June Butter 18, 19 and 20 Cents a Pound.

WE ALSO KEEP CONSTANTLY ON HAND THE FINEST

FRESH CREAMERY BUTTER

SEE OUR STOCK BEFORE YOU BUY.

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Get Your Wood

OF
E. H. GREGORY

All Kinds, All Prices.

TELEPHONE 110

Programme This Week at Cottage

Theatre, Mechanictown.

George Warren, Irish character comedian and comedian. Little Miss Muffet, 10c. Up to date comedies. Miss Winnie Mirror, latest rock comedy. Miss Lucy Webb, her latest burlesque.

Wednesday Evening, 10c. Thursday Night. A handbills given to the best audience.

A GOOD Deal more and Better Performances from April 1st, 1899, to Labor Day, to 10c. terms of a program—Program of GILDED WINE HALL, on the place.

Shows

MR. ALGER'S REPORT

A History of the Spanish-American War.

LITTLE EFFORT TO ANSWER CHARGES

Recommendations For Army Reforms—Increased Pay of Troops. Hospital Service—Larger Army. Improved Rifles—More Cadets.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The annual report of Secretary Alger is a practically complete official history of the Spanish-American war. The secretary has given to the public not only all the official dispatches that passed directly between his own office and commanding officers in the field and camp, but has supplemented these with short explanatory notes, setting forth the reasons for various movements, and then, to complete the record of events, he has included in the body of his report the report of General Miles of all the generals who participated in the campaign in Cuba, Porto Rico or the Philippines and finally the reports of all the bureau officers of the war department.

Nowhere is there shown a disposition to criticize, the official dispatches being allowed to tell their own story. Generally the secretary finds much to praise and cause for sincere congratulation in the results obtained.

The report proper begins with what may be described as a chronological history of the war, consisting of a number of short paragraphs, beginning with the declaration of war on April 21 and setting forth the date upon which any event of importance occurred, but making no comment whatever upon the facts. The only exception to this rule is in reference to the casualties at Santiago. Some criticism having been made that there was a lack of surgeons present, the report states that there were 140 surgeons in attendance and that of 1,421 wounded only 12 died of their wounds. Touching the surrender at Santiago, the report shows that Shafter demanded the surrender on the 2d and renewed this demand on the 4th. On the morning of the 11th another demand was made. On the evening of that day General Miles arrived, and on the 13th and 14th of July he, with General Shafter, met the Spanish commander under a flag of truce to discuss the surrender. On the afternoon of the 14th General Miles left General Shafter's headquarters and soon thereafter went aboard ship preparatory to sailing for Porto Rico. July 17 Toral surrendered 22,000 men upon our terms, and the American flag was hoisted by order of Shafter.

The secretary, coming down in his history to the middle of August, when an order was issued and is now in execution to muster out 100,000 volunteers, says: "Thus an army of about 250,000 volunteers and recruits for the regular army was called into existence from civil life, and, including the regular army, the total force was 274,717 men. It was organized, armed and equipped (no supplies being on hand other than those for the regulars save Springfield muskets), and 50,000 men of this force were transported by land and sea to battlefields in the tropics 10,000 miles apart, where they won their victories without a single defeat and all within the period of 113 days from the declaration of war to the signing of the protocol."

"This great achievement can be credited to no individual; it belongs to the nation. It was accomplished through the intelligence and patriotism of all who served, from the commander in chief to the private in the ranks. It also speaks volumes for the prompt, patriotic and intelligent assistance of the people who furnished in so short a period the supplies necessary to prepare this great army for the field. To the heroic men who served in distant lands the country will ever offer a true meed of praise, but the mighty army in camp ready and eager to take the field, should also be given equal credit. It was their presence, ready at an hour's notice for any emergency, that overawed the enemy and proved to him that further resistance would be in vain."

"The deaths in the army from May 1 to Oct. 1, including killed, died of wounds and of disease, were 2,910. The smallest death rate recorded of any army in history, a remarkable fact when it is considered that over 50,000 of our troops, born and reared in the temperate zone, were campaigning in tropical climates, subject to rain and heat almost unprecedented."

The secretary says that the volunteers that to furlough them in winter would be a hardship, so he recommends that in lieu of the furlough the officers and men be given two months pay at the time of their discharge, thus admitting of their prompt discharge in their present camps in the south.

Under the head of Increase in the permanent establishment, the secretary says:

"In view of the needs of a military force in the islands occupied by the United States it is earnestly recommended that the regular army be permanently increased to 100,000 men and the requisite officers; that a portion of this army be recruited from the inhabitants of those islands, to be mustered into the service of the United States and commanded by the officers of our army, discretion, however, to be given to the president to make appointments of officers from the force so recruited."

"These men are acclimated, understand the language and habits of their countrymen, and their enlistment will not only give them employment, but also have the tendency to enable the government to get into closer touch with their people than it would otherwise be able to do. This would also relieve our own people from serving in those climates to a large extent, and would, moreover, enable the volunteers to be mustered out of the service and return to the avocations of civil life."

should be employed in the United States service a constabulary force for the cities of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines which has had experience and can speak the language of the islands.

Secretary Alger thinks that the government will be greatly taxed to supply food to the destitute, especially in Cuba. The effort should be made, he thinks, to give the people work instead of allowing them to dwell in idleness and living upon charity.

Some recommendations that occur in the early portion of the report are that provision be made for a statue of General Grant; that Chief Clerk Tweedie be made a lieutenant colonel; that provision be made for a second assistant secretary of war, and that an appropriation be made for the construction of the Lake Union-Washington ship canal.

The statement of expenditures and estimates presents some formidable figures. The expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30 last were \$62,534,784 and the estimates for the next fiscal year beginning July 1, 1899, are \$195,250,377. Of this great estimate the sum of \$55,430,909 is charged to the pay of the army. The estimates of extraordinary appropriations required for the six months ending June 30, 1899, are \$60,177,633, and the estimates for that period combined with those for the next fiscal year, reach a total of \$255,427,917. At this point the secretary includes in his report the reports of General Miles and all the other generals who took part in active operations. He then takes up the telegraphic and other correspondence relating to the war, and that matter occupies more than fourth of the secretary's whole report. As already stated, the dispatches are allowed to tell the story of the war without comment as far as possible, although in instances the secretary prefaces them with short notes explanatory of the reasons which led to their transmission.

The document ends with a number of reports of various officers and officials to the secretary of war, some of which are indorsed by the secretary. Of the Military academy he, for instance, endorses the recommendation for an increase of the number of cadets by 24 annually, to be appointed by the president, and one by each senator, to supply the officers needed for the army of the future.

Of the adjutant general's recommendations, the secretary says they are judicious and merit the favorable consideration of congress. Instead of increase or pay for officers serving in the West Indies and the Philippines to the next higher grade, as recommended by the adjutant general, the secretary thinks that the pay of those officers, as well as those in Alaska, should be increased 50 per cent while so serving, because of the additional expense they are put to.

He says that the question of payment of damaged to farms and other property by movement of troops will be made the subject of a special communication to congress. He recommends that \$30 instead of \$10 should be allowed for the apprehension of a deserter.

Treating of the quartermaster general's report, the secretary picks out an interesting fact. He shows that the government purchased 36,800 horses and mules, 5,179 wagons, 555 ambulances and 83,078 tons of coal and chartered 77 vessels and purchased 10 steamships. The use of the Missouri was generously donated to the United States, with the services of her captain and her crew, by the owner, B. N. Baker of Baltimore, and is a valuable hospital ship. The cost of transporting the Spanish prisoners to Spain was \$1,513,860. The graves of the soldiers at Santiago, in Porto Rico and the Philippines have been marked, and their remains will be brought home as soon as the plans are completed. In the subsistence department the secretary finds an urgent need for a regimental commissary and also for a commissary sergeant for each regiment.

Discussing the surgeon general's report, he says it was a mistake to detail regimental surgeons to large hospitals, but this could not have been avoided and division and general hospitals, which were indispensable, maintained. Ample provision should be made to supply the places of surgeons who fall sick.

The report says that until one has had experience or made careful observation he cannot realize the work that the noble women did for our sick soldiers in the hospitals, but they cannot be well employed at regimental hospitals in a campaign. Both the division and general hospitals are absolutely necessary, in the opinion of the secretary, but the general hospital should be provided with separate wards for each regiment so that comrades can be kept together.

The secretary says the Red Cross and other relief associations contributed in a very large degree to the care and comfort of our sick soldiers and should receive the grateful thanks of the nation. The secretary calls attention to the surgeon general's circular of instructions to the army, issued April 25, and says had it been strictly followed less sickness would have resulted. He feels that a force of practical engineers skilled in electricity should be provided and that a large number of engineers should be educated at West Point so that an officer can be placed permanently with each river and harbor project. These projects should also receive the recommendation of a board of skilled engineers before appropriations are made for them.

The manufacture of the Krug-Jorgenson or a similar magazine gun should continue until we have at an early date at least 500,000 of these arms in our arsenals, with a full supply of ammunition.

The entire report of the secretary of war forms one of the most voluminous documents of the kind ever issued from the war department.

The Arbitration Commission.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Yesterday afternoon Mr. Cannon and Sir Richard Cartwright, acting as a committee, held a meeting at the state department lasting nearly two hours. The subject under consideration was the delimitation of the boundary between Alaska and the British possessions. Dr. King of Canada was called as an expert.

The Farragut's Speed.

OUR LOCAL LEGISLATURE

ORANGE COUNTY'S BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN ANNUAL SESSION.

Newburgh Savings Bank's Surplus Tax to be Refunded—State Taxes Apportioned—Deerpark's Railroad Bond Tax—A Lawyer's Bill Audited—Poor Fund Deficiency Apportioned—A Short Short Predicted.

Blooming Grove..... Joseph E. Board
Chester..... G. W. Fredricks
Doraville..... J. H. Orr
Faywood..... Samuel D. Robinson
Deerpark..... W. B. Narapse
Goshen..... John W. Wilson
Goshen..... Samuel V. Jerome
Hamptonburgh..... Charles B. Howell
Highlands..... Louis F. Gouldsell
Middletown..... James E. Brace
Hudson..... Charles B. Howell
3rd Ward..... John E. Isenman
4th Ward..... Nelson W. Wood
Minisink..... C. W. Horrox
Monroe..... George K. Smith
Montgomery..... L. R. Longhena
Cortland..... Charles W. Lodiell
Newburgh City..... Charles H. Waggoner
1st Ward..... Henry B. Lawrence
2nd Ward..... George M. Miller
3rd Ward..... W. H. Coldwell
4th Ward..... John H. Taylor
5th Ward..... J. E. Harrison
William H. Post
New Windsor..... Walter Deniston
Tuxedo..... Charles Patterson
Wallkill..... James M. Horton
Wawarsing..... John I. Bradley
Woodbury..... John A. Patterson
Republicans in Roman. Democrats in small capitals.

GOSHEN, Dec. 2.—The session of the Board of Supervisors, to-day, was short and of not more than ordinary interest. The Law Committee reported on the Newburgh Savings Bank matter which was referred to a few days ago. The report was favorable and Mr. Lawson's resolution providing for the payment of the amount due the bank was adopted.

The committees to apportion the State, insane and school taxes reported and their reports were adopted. The sum of \$11,200 for railroad purposes was levied on Deerpark.

The bill of L. Hasbrouck, attorney for the county in the matter of the drafted men's case entitled Hudson G. Bush against the county of Orange and others, was presented. The amount was \$107. The case arose in 1895 and the town of Woodbury was included as defendant. The Law Committee engaged Mr. Hasbrouck and the Board audited the bill. The case is now in the Court of Appeals.

The town audits of New Windsor were \$2,619.78; of Cornwall \$2,453.29.

At the request of the Board, Mr. Bradley, chairman of the committee appointed to apportion the deficiency in the poor fund amounting to \$15,841.13, reported the apportionment as made by his committee. The committee was then continued with instructions to apportion the interest on money borrowed between the towns which had not raised enough money in their last year's estimate to pay the expenses of keeping their poor during 1898.

Several of the committees reported bills as having been examined and found to be correct. They were promptly audited.

The work of the Board is well under way and it is believed the session will be a very short one.

UMPQUA TRIBE'S RECEPTION.

Families and Friends of Members Most Pleasantly Entertained at the Tribe's Wigwam:

Umpqua Tribe, No. 331, I. O. R. M., gave a reception and entertainment to the families and friends of members, Friday night, in its rooms. There was a very large attendance, many whole families being present.

The guests were welcomed by the following committee: Fred Dunlap, C. O. Decker, Fred Cortright, W. H. Hook, C. F. Catillar and Bruno Scheuerk.

The evening's entertainment included a solo by Thos. Gillen, a recitation by Vida McNevin, selections by the Harmonica club, cake walk by the Curran brothers, and a skirt dance by William Curran.

Barnes' orchestra furnished music for dancing which was kept up until past midnight. Refreshments were served in the banquet hall, the long table being prettily set by the committee, Warner Hoot and Mrs. C. O. Decker. One of the prettiest table decorations was a mammoth cake made by Chez Theo. Fuller and his assistant, Leonard Hegg, of the State Hospital.

The floor committee for the evening consisted of Fred Dunlap, C. O. Decker, J. E. Conkling and Geo. W. Cole.

"Our Old Kentucky Home."

The Chicago Record in criticising "Our Old Kentucky Home," which is advertised to-night to be played at the Casino Theatre, says: "Our Old Kentucky Home" at the Calumet Theatre, last night, was an interesting show and merited the good house. Miss Davis is not the best actress in the world, as so advertised, but she is without a doubt the best and only colored actress ever seen in this city, and reminds one much of the great Mary Anderson. Her stage carriage was dignified and easy, her voice strong and pleasing, her support is fairly good; Cap Knott could be better, but as a whole the show is a good one, and something new at least.

S. and W.'s Holiday Excursion.

Tuesday, December 20, is the date of the New York, Ontario and Western railroad's Xmas excursion to New York city. Tickets will be sold at greatly reduced rates, and good for return passage up to and including Tuesday, Dec. 27. It

Clothes - Rubbing

is done Mondays by thousands of women that have never tried the right thing FELS NAPTHA with only lukewarm or cold water—that's.

Clothes - Washing

GROCERS SELL IT.
FELS & CO., PHILADELPHIA.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

Notes of Sunday Services and Other Matters of Religious Interest.

—Old School Baptist Church—Preaching at 10:30 a. m. at New Vernon, and in this city at 3 p. m. by Elder C. H. Birtwhistle, Jr.

—W. C. T. U., 154 North street—Services at 2:30 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

—Faith Mission, 11 Mill street, Elder D. L. Conkling, pastor. You will be made welcome to any or all of the services at the Mission. Sunday School, 2 p. m.; gospel service, 3 and 7:30 p. m.

—Free Christian Church—Sunday School, 11 a. m. Evening services at 7:30 o'clock. Gospel Service at 10:30 a. m.

—First Presbyterian Church—Regular preaching service in the morning at 11 o'clock and in the evening at 7:30 by Rev. David Winters, pastor.

Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. and Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m.

—St. Paul's M. E. Church, Rev. Frank L. Williams, D. D., pastor—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; evening meeting, 9:45 a. m.; Junior Epworth League, 3 p. m.; Epworth League prayer meeting, 6:30 p. m. Seats free and strangers cordially invited. Sacramental service and reception of members in the morning.

—North Street M. E. Church—Sunday School at 7:30 p. m.; Robert Lawrence, Superintendent. All are invited. On Thursday evening prayer meeting.

—St. John's German Evangelical Lutheran Church—Service Sunday evening, in Nearing Hall, North street. Preaching by Rev. William Drach. Sunday School at 2 p. m. All are welcome.

—First Congregational Church, Rev. W. A. Root, D. D., pastor—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; evening service, 6:30 p. m. Cordial welcome to all Communists in the morning. Morning subject: "Gradual ownership." Evening subject: "Commodity not pa-

—Grace (Episcopal) Church—Rev. D. J. Evans, B. A., rector—20 Sunday in Advent—Holy communion, 7:30 a. m.; St. Paul's, 9:30 a. m.; St. Paul's, 7:30 a. m.; sermon and holy communion at 11 a. m.; evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m.

—Christ Church (Universalist) Assembly Room, North street—Rev. J. Newton Emery, pastor. Sunday School at 10 a. m.; Public worship at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Junior Union at 3 p. m. All are cordially invited, evening service, 7:30 p. m.

—First Baptist Church, Rev. Frank A. Heath, pastor—Bible schools at 8:30 a. m.; morning service, 11 a. m.; prayer meeting at 6:30 p. m. Seats free. You are welcome. Morning sermon followed by communions. Evening subject: "The story of a song," followed by a musical programme.

—A. M. E. Zion Church, Rev. J. W. McCoy, pastor—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday School, 9:30 p. m.; Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m.; cordial invitation and welcome to all. Morning subject: "The Christian's standard." Evening subject: "The happy people."

—Board of CHARITIES.

Regular Monthly Meeting—Heavy Disbursements by the Overseer of the Poor.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Charities was held, Friday afternoon. J. E. Isenman acted as chairman and J. E. Brazee as secretary.

The following bills were ordered paid:

Overseer Wood's disbursements, \$421.88.

Overseer Wood's salary, 75.00.

John Donovan, ambulance, 3.00.

Dr. H. H. Robinson, 5.00.

Dr. D. Condie, 5.00.

Dr. J. L. Hammer, 5.00.

Dr. E. Fancher, 1.00.

Clarence Abrams, anti-toxine, 23.50.

Young's Pharmacy, 7.75.

Gen. Lyon Post, 100.00.

Dr. B. Pillsbury, 5.00.

The \$12,000 school bonds ordered taken up by the treasurer and cancelled were presented and sound correct.

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Casino Theatre

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Saturday Ev'g, Dec. 3d.

OUR OLD KENTUCKY HOME!

A southern war melo-drama, headed by the beautiful creole actress, Miss

HENRIETTA VINTON DAVIS.

Supported by some of the best white and colored artists of the age.

Beautiful Tropical Scenes, The Colored Regiment in Battle.

From slavery up to date. Fancy costumes, good singers, fancy comedians, pretty creole girls. A show everybody should see.

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AMUSEMENT NOTES.

—Dec. 5—"Remember the Maine," at Casino.

—Dec. 6—Lecture at First Presbyterian Church by Rev. David Winters.

—Dec. 7—Fair First Congregational Church.

—Dec. 15—Clam chowder supper, at First Congregational Church by Ladies Aid Society.

—Dec. 16—Dinner at the Casino by the Misses Deane, Granville and others.

—Dec. 17—Sale and get-together supper at Union Hall parsonage.

—Dec. 24—Mac-Grill's Combination, at the Casino.

—Jan. 2—Geo. Lee's masquerade ball, at Casino.

—Jan. 24—Y. M. C. A. entertainment, Dr. Hayes May, at the Casino.

—Feb. 14—Y. M. C. A. entertainment, Rev. Dr. H. Conwell, at the Casino.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3.—Rain or snow to-night and Sunday; easterly winds.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the weather of the thermometer at PRESTON Drug Store, to-day:

F. 32°; 12 m. 38°; 3 p. m. 37°.

Secretary Alger's report is of interest and importance, chiefly because of what it does not tell concerning the conduct of the war.

Speaker Reed, who does not go in for imperialism, indulged in a fling at the expansionists, the other day, by describing them as "people who think we are able to furnish canned freedom for all sorts of heathens."

Six regiments of infantry and one of artillery, regulars, are to be sent to the Philippines to reinforce Gen. Otis. This looks as if the administration had made up its mind that the task of pacifying the insurgents is likely to prove a serious one.

B Spain sells the Caroline Islands to Germany it will be a source of everlasting regret to the expansionists that we didn't gather them in with the Philippines. The fact that the islands are not worth having makes no difference. Part of the creed of expansion is that even if we don't want it, anything in sight must be taken because there is a possibility that some else may want it.

If Judge O'Brien resigns from the Supreme Court bench there will be a vacancy to be filled by the Governor. The chance to appoint Judge Daly, who was maligned during the campaign by Republican newspapers and spinbenders as the embodiment of all judicial and civic virtues, ought to be jumped at but it will not be. The place will go to a thick and thin Republican. Judge Daly was only a good enough Daly till after election."

The amazing growth of the business of the Post Office Department is dwelt upon by Postmaster General Smith in his annual report. For the last fiscal year the receipts were \$89,012,518, against \$33,315,479 in 1880, and the expenditures were \$98,033,523 against \$86,422,804, while the number of post offices had increased from 43,000 to 78,000. During the past twenty years the population has increased about fifty per cent, but the post office business has multiplied three-fold.

It is reported that the West Virginia Republicans have concocted a plan to steal a United States Senator. Under the law the Secretary of State makes up the roll of members of the House of Delegates from the certificates of election sent to him by the various county courts. It happens that the Secretary of State is the chairman of the Republican State Committee and the scheme is to substitute on the roll for the Democrats who are certified as electors the names of Republicans, who have been induced to make contests, and thus organize the House with contestants for seats sitting as members. Enough Democrats will be unseated to give the Republicans a majority on joint ballot. It seems scarcely possible that such a lawless scheme can be carried through, but that it is devised and is being considered, shows the recklessness and unscrupulousness of the leaders of the party of such moral ideals in that State.

IN THE RAILROAD WORLD.

James J. Hanley, of 119 Fulton street, has taken a position as brakeman on the S. & W. on a train running from Middletown to Paterson, N. J.

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THE CAROLINE ISLANDS

Germany Negotiating for Their Purchase.

MURDERED BY BURGLARS.

Desperate Thieves Kill a Pennsylvania Saloon Keeper.

German Negotiations for the Purchase of the Caroline Islands Explain Spain's Dilettante Tactics.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

PARIS, Dec. 3.—No joint session of the peace commissioners to-day. The Americans had a three hours' meeting, this morning.

The report from Berlin that Germany is negotiating for the purchase of the Caroline Islands is confirmed through several quarters, although Count Von Münster-Ledenburg, the German Ambassador here, informed a correspondent of the Associated Press that he knew nothing about the matter.

The American commissioners are inclined to believe the report and it is looked upon as explaining the reluctance of the Spaniards to give the Americans an answer in regard to the Caroline Islands, as well as to the question of religious liberty there. The latest developments confirm the report that the Spaniards have been instructed not to yield one of these points until they have made a good bargain.

MURDERED BY BURGLARS.

A Pennsylvania Saloon Keeper Shot Down by Burglars Who Bound and Gagged His Servant and Blew Open and Riddled His Safe.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

SCRANTON, Dec. 3.—Michael Corcoran, proprietor of a hotel in Duryea and prominent in politics in upper Luzern county, was murdered this morning, by burglars. Kate Monaghan, a servant, was overpowered and gagged.

The robbery was evidently well planned, the thieves knowing there would be a considerable sum in cash in the place as it was just after pay day in the mines.

Corcoran and the Monaghan woman were the only persons who slept in the building, which, though known as a hotel, is nothing more than a saloon. Corcoran closed the saloon some time after midnight, having done a large business during the evening. The Monaghan woman's room was at the head of the stairway. Two men soiled and gagged her. Her muffled cries were heard by Corcoran, who jumped from his bed and ran into the hallway toward the servant's room. He was a powerful man, and seeing an intruder near the door of the servant's room, rushed at him. The other men ran out of the room and one fired. Corcoran went down at the first shot, instantly killed, the bullet having pierced his heart.

The murderers then took time to blow open the safe and secure its contents, estimated at several hundred dollars. They then escaped. The servant afterwards freed herself and gave the alarm.

Corcoran was postmaster at Duryea under the last Cleveland administration. There is no trace of the murderers.

APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED.

Gov.-Elect Roosevelt Gives Out Some of the Official Plans.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

OYSTER BAY, Dec. 3.—Governor-elect Theodore Roosevelt authorized the following appointments to be made public: Private Secretary, William J. Youngs; Military Secretary, George C. Tredwell; Pardon Clerk, John T. Joyce; Appointment Clerk, T. Newcomb; Executive Stenographer, Benj. W. Smith; Geo. S. Allen and Geo. Graves; Confidential Messengers, Amos M. Knapp; William O'Connor and Wm. J. Lamborn.

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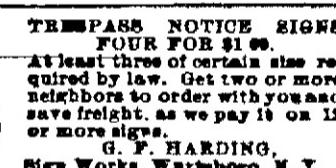
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Our two weeks' sale of Sideboards met with such gratifying results, that we will, under the same conditions, run a special sale, for this week only, of

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1 SUITE, 6 PIECES, FORMERLY \$75, THIS WEEK \$66.
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Odd pieces at big reduction. These prices are strictly for cash. Some of these pieces are less than cost. We must have room for one of the last lines of Holiday Goods ever displayed in this city.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

-Full line of holiday goods at The Fair.
-Eyes examined free by Chas. L. Tracy.
-Slippers \$1 up at Souvenir.
-Sugar 4¢ a pound at J. W. Scott's.
-Christmas gifts at Ordens & Shimer's.
-Cream lotion for the skin at W. D. Olney's.
-Holiday goods at Haward & Horrocks'.
-Women's rubbers \$10 at Edin & Vaillie's.
-Rels at Franklin Home, to-night.
-Men's rubbers at Edin & Vaillie's.
-Black and tan hand bags.
-Dressmaking done by Miss Malissa Avery.
-Money wasted on road security.
-Worn slippers at Chas. D. Hartford's.
-For Christmas, dress patterns at Carson & Towne's.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

-Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, to-day.

-"Remember the Maine" at the Casino, Monday night.
-Our Old Kentucky Home, to-night,

-The Business Men's Association did not have a quorum at its meeting, Friday night.

-The admission prices to the Casino Theatre, to-night, are only 20, 30 and 40 cents.

-Lieut. Stivers has granted permission for the Young Ladies Basket Ball Club to practice at the armory.

-The members of the "Old Kentucky Home" Company have attracted much attention on the streets, to-day.

-The next attraction at the Casino will be next Monday evening, when "Remember the Maine" will be played.

-The sleighing is nearly a thing of the past on the country roads and isn't anything to brag of on the city's streets.

-A lady's cape, which was exchanged at the Umpqua Tribe entertainment, may be had by inquiring at this office.

-The Missionary Union is in urgent need of more clothing. Packages may be sent at the store of Carson & Towne.

-Fresh peanut brittle, cocoanut brittle and chewing tally at Laskaris', 24 North street and 17 West Main street.

-Hanford & Horton announce that they have received the popular Rooster almanac for 1899, which they distribute free.

-The number of people on the streets, this afternoon, with bundles and the crowded condition of the stores, indicate that the merchants have had a busy day.

-Secretaries of lodges which hold elections during the current month will confer a favor by sending in the lists of officers as early as possible on the morning of the day after the election.

-Dr. J. L. Hammer, of this city, was in Walden, Wednesday, to assist in an operation for the removal of a cancer from the breast of Mrs. James Sarine, of that village. The operation was entirely successful. The patient is in charge of Mrs. Watts, a trained nurse from this city.

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PERSONAL.

-Miss Florence Horton went to New York, to-day.

-John H. McCune, of Florida, was in town, to-day.

-Mrs. Remondia Ayres is seriously ill of nervous prostration.

-Ex-Policeman Robert Wengatz returned to New York, to-day.

-Miss Genevieve Ogden has gone to New York for a three weeks' visit.

-Ex-Supervisor William H. Wood, of Goshen, is visiting his son-in-law, H. C. Horton.

-Chas. Clapham, of Bloomingburg, returned from a visit in Massachusetts, Friday night.

-Mrs. Davis, of Jersey City, who has been the guest of Mrs. G. A. Swalm, Jr., returned home, to-day.

-The Citizen noted that Miss Frances Malone, of this city, has been visiting friends in Walden, this week.

-An operation was performed upon Sam Beasley at Thrall Hospital, Friday night, and he is resting comfortably, to-day.

-Frank Tucker, of Co. I, Second Regiment, U. S. A., who has been visiting at his home at Port Jervis, left for Camp Anderson.

-The Hurleyville correspondent of the Ensign states that Tommy Devine, Katie Wallace and William Wallace, of that village, are in this city, this week.

-Mrs. Jacob Lehn, of this village, went to Middletown, Friday, where she will visit for a few weeks, at the residence of her son in that city.—Port Jervis Gazette.

-Charles A. Jacobus, operator at the Middletown central telephone office, was a visitor in town Friday, and returned home on train 14 that night.—Port Jervis Union.

-Miss Mamie Coffey, of Brooklyn, who has been visiting her cousin, Miss Anna Carroll, was called home, Friday, having word that her aunt, Mrs. H. Mooney, was very sick.

-The Albany Parkville correspondent says Misses Eva Shaw and Harris

Fink returned home, Monday night, after an extended visit to Long Island, New York, Brooklyn, Warwick, Florida and Middletown.

-Benjamin Coleman has removed his family and household goods from 82 Liberty street to 45 Mulberry street.

-Miss Armstrong, of Middletown, sister of Mrs. Henry Truex, made a very favorable impression by her songs on the audience at the M. E. fair in Hornbeck's Hall, last Saturday evening, and was applauded very liberally.—Wantage Recorder.

-Thomas H. Desmond, formerly superintendent of a department of the National Saw Works, has accepted a position as superintendent of Howe, Brown & Co.'s steel works at Pittsburg, Pa. The salary is a pleasing feature of the position. He will leave for Pittsburg, Monday, his family remaining here.

JOHN HUNTER'S BARN BURNED.

Bandall Wood, of Hedges, injured by a falling Timber—A Theory as to the Origin of the Fire.

Fire broke out in John Hunter's barn, at 21 East avenue, about 3 o'clock, this morning, and an alarm was sent in from box 45.

The fire had gained considerable headway, and the inflammable material within made it a furnace by the time Eagles' "bankers" had their stream on. McQuoids arrived soon after and also directed a stream upon the flames.

While Eagles' stream was being sent in a doorway, the nozzle being held by Bandall Wood and Bert Lamont, the siding was heard to crackle as if about to fall. The firemen ran with their stream, but Wood—was caught by a falling timber and crushed to the ground.

He was taken, stunned, to his home on a cot in the patrol wagon, and Dr. Hulett summoned, who found his patient suffering from a cut on the head and internal injuries, which have not yet been determined.

The barn was insured for \$150 and the contents for \$50 in Glens Falls Company, through the agency of Case & Taylor.

The origin of the fire is not known, but Mr. Hunter, who deals in ferrets, thinks some one made a raid on them, and either accidentally or purposely fired the barn.

The recall was sent in at 5 o'clock, the building having been totally destroyed.

HEALTH OF THE STATE.

Very Heavy Death Rate in Many Hudson Valley Towns.

The monthly bulletin of the State Board of Health, just issued for October, has its customary interesting tables of interesting figures. By reference to the same it is found that the death rate for the Hudson valley district, per 1,000 of population, for the month was 16.50. The death rate for the several towns in the district is as follows:

Coxackie, 26; Catskill, 19; Hudson, 15; Kingston, 15; Esopus, 14.50; Saugerties, 9; Poughkeepsie, 19.60; Fishkill, 15.20; Wappinger's Falls, 23; Newburgh, 16; Port Jervis, 14.70; Middletown, 22; Warwick, 16; Goshen, 19; Montgomery, 24; Nyack, 10.

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Ital.

The Sporting Widow" at the Casino, Next Thursday Evening.

Anyone who has not the genial Ed. F. Rush, will be pleased to learn that he has agreed to produce at the Casino, next Thursday evening, his famous, laughing farce comedy, "The Sporting Widow." Ed. does not appear as the sporting widow, but there is a pretty little lady who does, and she is drawing crowded houses among theatre goers of the adjacent cities.

Walton's Free Library to Be Opened.

The Ogden Free Library at Walton will be opened about Christmas. The trustees have ordered 1,500 volumes, 1,000 of which have been received. Hon. Andrew H. Green, of New York, one of the trustees of the estate of William B. Ogden, whose liberality provided the building, will send an experienced librarian to catalogue and classify the books, and get things in readiness for the opening.

Funeral of William T. Eaton.

Rev. Dr. Wilson will officiate at the funeral of W. T. Eaton, which will be held, to-night, at his late home on Spring street. A quartette from St. Paul's church will furnish music. At the burial at Ridgebury, to-morrow, the bearers will be former neighbors of the deceased from that village and vicinity.

No Law Against Making Children Drunk

The agent of Paterson's Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children has twenty-eight complaints against a liquor dealer in that city, who has sold liquor to boys, some of whom were made helplessly drunk, but no statute can be found under which the seller can be prosecuted.

Ontario and Western's Decreased Barn Loss.

The Ontario and Western reports a decrease of \$9,056 in its net earnings for October, and a decrease of \$55,508 since July 1.

Killed by an Erie train.

Erie train 21, Conductor Lepton, struck and killed an Italian at Bergen, this morning.

Good health is worth more than anything else to you, and every bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla contains good health.

The Advertiser's Parkville correspondent says Misses Eva Shaw and Harris

SUBSIDY.

Mrs. Adelia Neer, widow of Sylvester

Near, died at 6:30, this morning, of an

old complaint, heart trouble, at the

home of a friend, Mrs. Preston, on Wil-

liam street. She resided at 27 Knapp

avenue, but went to the house of Mrs.

Preston, Tuesday, for a few days' visit.

She was in good health and cheerful

spirits when she retired Friday night,

but became seriously affected early this

morning, dying soon afterward.

Mrs. Near had no near relatives here.

She was well known to Middletowners,

having conducted a confectionery busi-

ness here for a long time.

Mrs. Sarah Caroline Davis.

Mrs. Sarah Caroline Davis, widow of

Isaac Davis, died at the residence of her

son-in-law, John W. Pierce, 111 Academ-

ic avenue, early this morning.

The deceased had been a resident of

this city for twenty-two years. She was

the daughter of Wiener and Fanny

Mapes Hulse. She received a stroke of

paralysis two years ago, and another

since then. Her last illness covered a

period of two weeks.

She is survived by three children—Ben-

jamin F., of New York; Fanny A., wife

of Thomas Halstead, and Martha J.,

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LAW & JUNKS

Aguinaldo Not Likely to Get His Million.

MUST RELEASE ALL PRISONERS.

Result of Yesterday's Cabinet Meeting—United States Will Stand No Nonsense From Philippine Brigand.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The most important development of the cabinet meeting yesterday was the sending of a dispatch by the war department to Major General Otis, in command of the United States military forces in the Philippines, directing him to demand of Aguinaldo the surrender of all Spanish prisoners held by the insurgents. An arrangement is being perfected by the joint peace commission in Paris by which all Spanish prisoners in the custody of the United States and insurgent forces in the Philippines shall be released in exchange for the liberation of all political prisoners arrested for complicity in the Cuban and Philippines insurrections. The only drawback to the ability of this government to carry out the compact is the fact that Aguinaldo might refuse to be bound by the provisions of the Paris treaty in that regard or show a desire to comply with the wishes of the United States. To prove the good faith of the administration to the Spanish government the president and the cabinet decided that it was necessary to act at once, so that all the prisoners in the Philippines would be free when the treaty was signed. They talked over the matter earnestly yesterday, but no other solution was presented. The word "demand" may be a little too strong a term to use in connection with the instructions to Major General Otis, but it expresses the determination of the government on the subject.

It is not improbable, of course, that Aguinaldo will show a disposition to decline to accede to the proposition of General Otis, but the administration does not anticipate trouble with the Filipino leader that will lead to an open rupture between the United States forces and the Filipinos. There will be no parrying with Aguinaldo, however. He must meet the proposition of General Otis with a direct negative or affirmative answer. The administration has determined that all Spanish prisoners in the Philippines shall be freed and will go to the extreme of force to secure their liberation. This it feels justified in doing on account of the virtual transfer of the Philippine archipelago to the United States by the Spanish government.

The disarmament of the Filipino army will probably be one of the first steps that will follow the formal assumption of authority over the Philippine group by the United States. Of course this government cannot permit a military force not recognized by it to exist in its possessions. This matter may prove serious, but no other course is possible after the islands have passed completely under the authority of the United States. The fact that many of the Cuban insurgents are still under arms and a Cuban army is still recognized does not present a parallel case, as Cuba is being governed merely as a temporary possession of this country, to be turned over to the representatives of the inhabitants when a stable government has been organized.

STREET CARS BLOWN UP.

Dynamite Used by Strikers on the Highways of Dallas.

DALLAS, Dec. 3.—At 9 o'clock last night one of the cars of the Dallas Consolidated Electric system was blown up by dynamite at Elm and Austin streets.

Half an hour later another car was blown up at Munger's factory, two miles farther east. A stick of dynamite a foot long was found at the scene of the second explosion.

No passengers were in the cars. The motormen were injured. The cars were badly wrecked.

These are the first serious acts of violence since the strike of motormen on the Consolidated system began on Nov. 10.

The strikers and their friends declare the strikers had nothing to do with the dynamite. The street car company attributes it to the strikers.

Von Holleben Enlightens William.

BERLIN, Dec. 3.—Dr. von Holleben, the German ambassador to the United States, who is now in Berlin, lunched yesterday with Emperor William and at his majesty's request expounded at length his views regarding the present and prospective situation of Spain and the United States.

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LOCATIONS OF FIRE ALARM BOXES

For the information of our readers, we publish below a complete list of the numbers and locations of all the fire alarm boxes in this city:

14—Wickham Ave., cor. Union, G. & W. St.
15—North Street and West Avenue, bat shop.
16—North St. and Wiener Ave., typeshop.
17—Railroad avenue and Montgomery street.
18—Grand Avenue and Prince street.
19—Union Avenue, corner Liberty street.
20—West Main street, corner Wickham Avenue.
21—North street corner Wickham Avenue.
22—James and Henry streets.
23—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
24—Lake Avenue and West street.
25—W. Main street, corner Monaghan Avenue.
26—Private street gate.
27—Highland Avenue.
28—Rear of State Hospital.
29—Fulton and Mill streets, bat shop.
30—High and Bangford streets.
31—Canal street, confectionery.
32—Mulberry and Fulton streets.
33—Fairfield Avenue and South street.
34—Franklin and Union streets.
35—Academy Avenue and Houston Avenue.
36—East Main street and Railroad Avenue.
37—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
38—Academy Avenue and Genung street.
39—Myrtle and Prospect Avenue.
40—Grant Avenue and Sprague Avenue.
41—Union Avenue and Prospect Avenue.
42—North street, near Orchard.
43—Franklin Avenue.

24—Runns before a box number, denotes that a box is being made.

1 stroke denotes circuit broken.

2 or 3 strokes of bell denotes Chief's call.

4 strokes of bell denotes 12 o'clock signal.

5 strokes of bell denotes recall, fire is out.

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Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used by millions of mothers for their children while teething. It disturbed at night and broken by your rest by a sick child, suffering and crying with pain of Cutting Teeth, send us at once and get a bottle of "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup." It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Does not affect the mother, there is no make about it. If cure Diarrhoea relaxes the Stomach and Bowels, cures Wind Colic, softens the Gums, reduces Inflammation and gives tone and energy to the whole system. "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for children, teething is pleasant to the taste and it relieves the irritation of the teeth and best relieve the pain of the child. Send for sample.

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a great mistake in not sending for a 10 cent trial size of Ely's Cream Balm. It is a specific for catarrh and cold in the head. We mail it, or the 50 cent size.

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Bids for the Regiment's transportation across the Continent opened—Will be kept for a time at San Francisco.

A San Francisco dispatch says: Bids for the transportation of the First New York Regiment of Volunteers, due to arrive here from Honolulu soon, have been opened by Depot Quartermaster Long. The bids for carrying twelve companies from this city to New York range from \$9.90 to \$40.05 per each passenger. The former bid is the lowest ever made for trans-continental transportation.

Gen. Merriam says "About 700 of the New York Volunteers will arrive here on the Australia, Dec. 6. They will be quartered at the Presidio for a while and then shipped home. The other half of the regiment will leave Honolulu just as soon as transportation is ready. We have determined to let the battalion of engineers do garrison duty at the islands. So far, the engineers have escaped the typhoid and other troubles of which the average soldiers have been victims. This is probably due to the fact that they are under the command of regular army officers."

The expectation is that the New York infantry regiment will be mustered out at reaching home.

Incompetent to Manage Her Affairs.

At Mrs. Atwater's jury, after hearing testimony as to the mental condition of Mrs. Elizabeth S. Atwater, of Newburgh, decided, Thursday, that she is not competent to manage her affairs. Mrs. Atwater is the widow of Rev. David J. Atwater, a Presbyterian clergyman, and has an estate valued at \$25,000.

Lassitude,

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